

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-067
District 23
Map 8
Parcel 28
MAGI # 2212125435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cushwa Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Spickler Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Clear Spring 6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Leon R. Cushwa

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Spickler Road

CITY, TOWN

Clear

STATE, zip code

☐ VICINITY OF

Spring

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 253

Folio #: 561

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmstead and tannery site is a typical vernacular group dating from the second quarter of the 19th century. The house built of the native limestone is an example of the construction indigenous to this region.

An 1836 deed for the property is said to make reference to the two story stone house. According to family tradition it was built in 1820. It would appear that the house had some later interior renovations since some of the woodwork is more typical of the 1850's. Carpenter locks were popular here during the 1830's and 40's.

The property "Bowles Establishment" was conveyed to John Cushwa in 1807 by the widow of Thomas Bowles. In 1813 David Cushwa (then spelled Gushwa) acquired the property. In 1836, it was conveyed to George Cushwa, David's son, at which time the property was listed in parcels, parcel I containing 4 7/8 acres and improved with a tan yard and a two story stone dwelling house. The house remains in the Cushwa family today.

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Capt. David Cushman

Aug. 10, 1777 -- Mch. 8, 1849

David S. to Geo. * 1836 conveyed Par. 1 below
(son) 1843 " 5 1/4 ac. & 3 ac.136 1/4
1843David S. to John & Dr
William

1843

Par. 3

then to Geo. in

1853

136 1/4 ac \$4926

Geo. deceased (Appraisal 1-28-1858)

- * 1. One Tongard w/ 4 7/8 ac. and 2 stp
stone dwelling house \$2500
2. 1 lot 6 1/16 ac. w/ small log house
and stable \$425 (Plat 1851)
3. 1 lot land 6 ac. \$425
4. 1/2 of und. tract mt. land 146 ac
\$182,50

Brief Biography of the Cushwa Family.

My great, great, grandfather, John Cushwa, with his wife Catherine and family emigrated from Alsace Lorraine, a province belonging alternately for centuries to France and Germany, to America about 1670 or 1680, bringing with them two families by the names of Stallsmith and Odeiffer, and located on lands, patented and parcelled out by William Penn near the villages of Womelsdorf and Stouchsburg, now in Berks county, Pa. He was a man of learning, prominence and wealth, and one of the pioneers of liberty, independence and good government.

His son, my great grandfather John, with his wife Elizabeth and family, also a brother Esau, emigrated from thence to the Conococheague Valley of Maryland, Washington county, in the Dry Run neighborhood, about three miles northwest of Clear Spring and St. Paul's church, early in the 17th century. He was prominent in the great revolutionary struggle for our independence. His brother Esau, joined General Braddock's army and only came back once after with some Indians and then went West and all subsequent trace lost of him. Great grandfather and his wife Elizabeth, are buried in the private burying ground on the home farm, now known as the uncle Benjamin Cushwa place, who was the youngest son.

Their surviving children are: Catherine, who married Daniel Eichelberger; John, married Catherine Seibert; Margaret, married John Gelwicks; David, (my grandfather) married Catherine Resley; Jonathan, married Catherine Musselman and settled in Berkeley county, Va.; Jacob, married Elizabeth Phillips and went West; Christina, married Peter Speck and also settled in Virginia, near North Mountain, in above county; Elizabeth, married Henry Rickenbaugh; Sarah, married a man by the name of Biers or Byers, Benjamin, the youngest, married Maria Berry and occupied till his death the home farm of his father.

My grandfather, Capt. David Cushwa, a soldier of the war of 1812, after marriage with Catharine Resley, lived on and occupied the farm known as "Walnut Hill," afterward by my uncle David, his son, and since, by his heirs. Grandfather and grandmother had nine (9) children as follows: Benjamin, who married Sophia Angle and moved to Ohio, near Dayton, where they lived and died, leaving children surviving; John, married Elizabeth Brewer both of whom lived and died in Mercersburg, Pa., leaving children surviving; Eliza, married David Troup and lived and died in Beaver Creek, Md., with children surviving; George, unmarried, (with whom I lived for about 20 years, and learned the tanning and currying with), died in 1857; David, married Susan Zuck. He died in 1888 with children surviving; William, married Ann Prather and lived in Clear Spring, with children surviving; Mary Ann, married Stewart T. Herbert, living at Rockdale, near the old home; Catherine, married Henry

McLaughlin, husband dead, and wife and children living in and near Clearspring, Md.; James Resley, married Sarah Jane Kroh, now living with their children in Independence, Missouri. I was born in the old homestead of my grandfather on February 2, 1833, and spent about 25 years of my life happily there. This is about all the data I could find from a most reliable source of relatives and friends, which I think is about correct. It covers the long space of over 200 years from France to America. As a small tribute to the honored dead and a record for our posterity I respectfully submit it.

Yours very truly,

Williamsport, Md. 1889.

VICTOR CUSHWA

To the Surviving Decendants of the Cushwa Family.

THE burying ground wherein lie the remains of our pioneer ancestry John Cushwa and Elizabeth, his wife, on the old homestead farm, part of "Cushwa's establishment," about 3 miles northwest of Clear Spring, and about same distance from St. Paul's Church, Washington county, Md., where they emigrated from Berks county, Penn'a, early in the 17th century, is unenclosed and grown up with trees, bushes and briars, without even a simple stone to mark their last resting place on earth. Whilst we do not think its unsightly condition is owing to any want of affection or respect, but procrastination, neglect and want of knowledge of their later posterity, the causes.

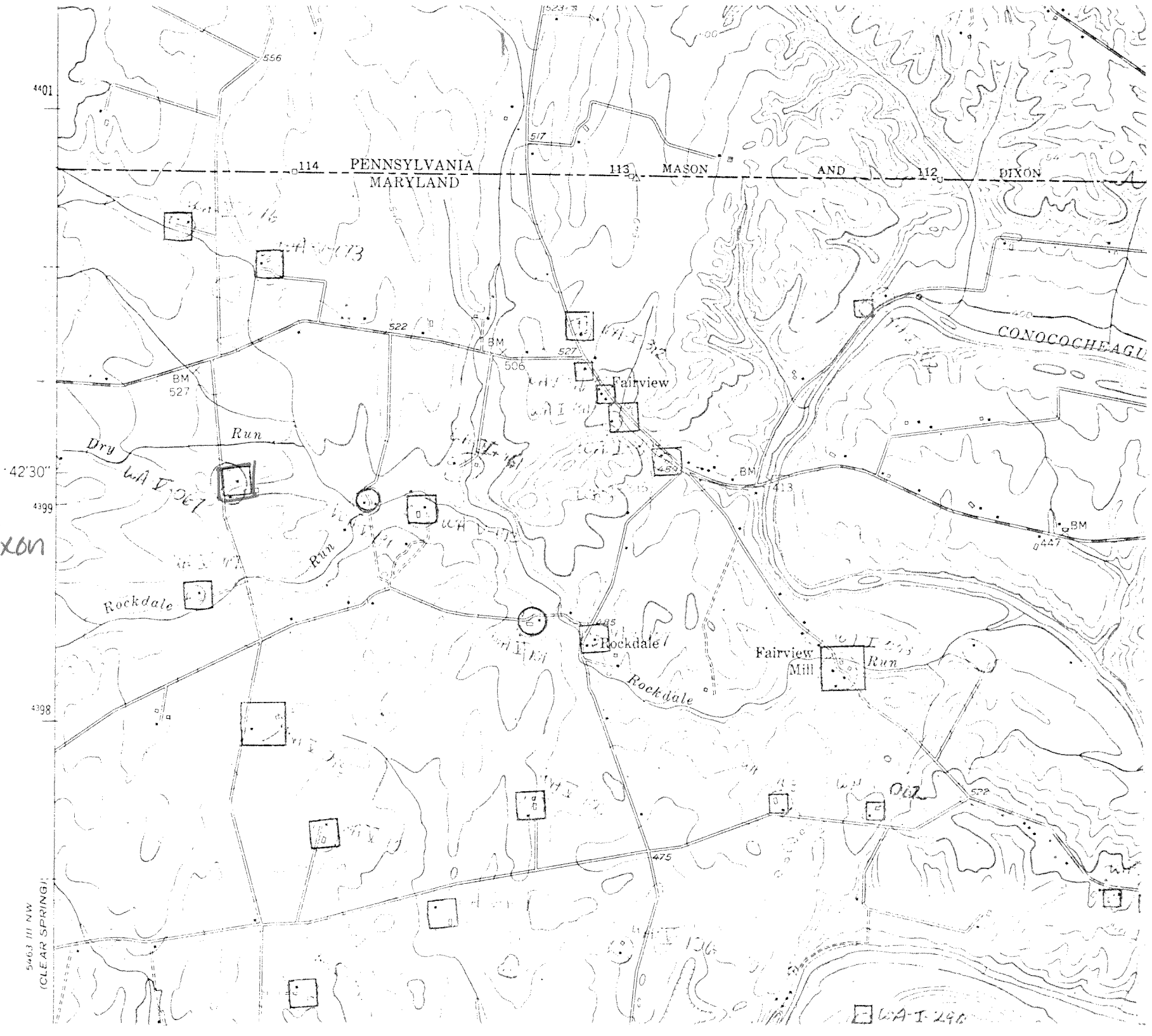
I made a visit there last Fall, the first in about 50 years, and found the situation as above described. I at once went to work and had an exemption deed of the bury-ground about 50 ft. long by about 40 ft. wide drawn and sent to the owners, Mrs. Lelia A. McDowell and Mrs. Rachel Macdowell, of the old homestead, and daughters of John S. Cushwa, deceased, who with their husbands kindly executed it, and I had it duly recorded as Trustee, so that it will be when conditions are complied with of enclosure, preserved from encroachment by cultivation for all time to come.

Now, in order to enclose it with a good and substantial stone wall or fence and have erected a suitably inscribed monument or tablets, the former will cost from \$140 to \$150, and the latter, a monument or tablets, according to kind and size as the contributions received. Great grandfather John Cushwa and great grandmother Elizabeth Cushwa, whose remains lie buried

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S.E.

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